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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR STEALING CREDIT UNION'S CASH VAULT, \$164,473

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for burglarizing a federally insured credit union and removing its cash vault, which contained \$164,473.

James A. Yokum, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to one year and one day in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 21, 2003, **Yokum** pleaded guilty to burglarizing United Consumers Credit Union, located at 551 Cambridge in Kansas City, and removing its cash vault, on Sept. 13, 2002.

Yokum committed the burglary with three other individuals. During the burglary, Graves said, the four individuals communicated with two-way radios and removed the credit union's video surveillance tapes during the burglary.

In preparation of the burglary, **Yokum** and the other individuals involved in the burglary stole a dolly to carry the safe and a white Budget van to transport the safe. The van was abandoned near Interstate 435 following the burglary. It was later discovered and contained the dolly and the cash vault, Graves said.

Yokum received approximately \$40,000 for his participation in the burglary, Graves said.

Yokum was originally charged with the burglary in a criminal complaint filed on June 13, 2003, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 8, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was

investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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